

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action of February 11, 2008.

Claims 91-133, are pending in this application. Claims 1-90 have been previously canceled. Claims 91, 99, and 130 are independent. Claims 91, 93, 95, 97, 98, 99, and 130 are currently amended. New Claims 134-136 have been added. The amendments and new claims are supported throughout the specification, including, for example, pp. 11-25 and Figs. 1-6.

In the Office Action, Claims 91-92 and 97 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minton (U.S. Patent No. 6,014,643), Fraser (U.S. Patent No. 5,904,974), and Beaudin (U.S. Patent No. 5,050,933), in view of Silverman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,136,501). Claims 93-96 and 98 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minton, Fraser, Beuadin et al., and Silverman et al., in further view of Dinwoodie (U.S. Patent No. 6,415,269). Claims 99-119, 121-130 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minton and Fraser, in further view of Beuadin et al. Claims 120 and 131-133 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minton, Fraser, Beaudin, et al., Silverman et al., and Dinwoodie et al., in further view of Kane (U.S. Patent No. 6,317,728).

Applicants thank the Examiner, Supervisory Examiner Kalinowski, and Primary Examiner Kazimi for conducting telephonic interviews with Applicant. During the interviews, Applicants' representatives discussed the pending claims and how they

overcame the prior art of record, including specifically the prior art cited in the Office Action. Applicants' representatives thank the Examiner for bringing to Applicants' attention United States Patent Nos. 6,766, 304 (Kemp, II et al) and 6,772,132 (Kemp II, et al.). As Applicants representatives discussed with the Examiner, the Kemp II, et al. references do not qualify as prior art to the claims of the instant application.

Applicants' representatives also discussed making amendments to the claims to improve their form. Thus, these amendments were made to improve the form of the claims and not to overcome the combination of references cited in the February 11, 2008 Office Action.

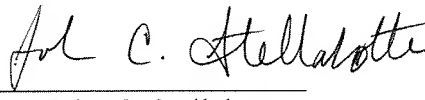
Newly added Claims 134-136 are also patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record for the same reasons discussed during previous telephonic interviews, and which are set forth in greater detail in Applicants' responses to previous office actions, including, for example Applicants' Response, dated March 10, 2006. We will not burden the Examiner by repeating those remarks again here.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 91-141 are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, that the application is in proper form for allowance of all claims, and earnestly solicit a notice to that effect.

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